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RACIST POPULISTS CONTINUE ORGANIZING IN PASADENA

The racist Populist Party is continuing its organizing drive in L.A., particularly focusing on Pasadena. Since PART exposed the Populists' racist gatherings at the Pasadena Public Library, the party has continued to try to meet in various venues. PART demonstrated outside the Populists' September meeting at the Hastings Ranch branch of the library in September to expose the racist nature of the group and its anti-immigrant, anti-semitic organizing. The Populists are the party which ran David Duke for president, and are run locally by long time open nazi activist Joe Fields, who is also a member of their national leadership (See last issue of TTT). In October, another demonstration was held at the library as the Populists met again, organized by students at Pasadena City College, including the International Committee Against Racism (InCAR). PART wasn't involved in this second demo, which erupted in violence and several arrests.

Unable to meet the Pasadena PD's demand for a bond to cover the costs of protection, and unwilling to agree to the library's insistence that the public be admitted, the Populists had to stop meeting at the library (though they claim they are planning to sue the Library board). Instead, they tried to meet at Pasadena City College under the guise of a commemoration of the Bill of Rights. Once again, PART exposed and drew attention to the meeting and to an attempt to move it off-campus to the headquarters of the American Friends Service Committee. We weren't trying to knock heads with the nazis or disrupt their meeting, but to expose to the community the true fascist and racist danger they pose. The scheduled November meeting was cancelled, but in December, the Populists, fronted by Robert Brock, a Black man who has made a career of working with white supremacists, managed to hold a day-long conference at P.C.C.

The danger posed by the Populists beyond their meager numbers was evident at this conference. The group is succeeding in building a united front of racists and radical rightists, legitimizing the white supremacist politics of its leadership of "former" Klansmen and nazis. Participants at the conference ranged from nazi-boneheads to John Birch Society members to right wing tax protesters and gun enthusiasts. In a very disturbing development, a representative of the Libertarian Party accepted an invitation from Brock and the Populists to speak. Literature tables were well stocked with Spotlights, the publication of the Liberty Lobby, as well as propaganda for the Posse Comitatus, Ruth Coffey's Long Beach based "Stop Immigration Now," and other racist groups. The bizarre Phoenix Express was on sale, a publication that claims to be transcriptions from an extra-terrestrial which supports Populist candidate "Bo" Gritz for president, and manages to reprint excerpts from the anti-semitic forgery "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion."

Party leader Joe Fields spoke favorably of the presidential campaigns of David Duke and Pat Buchanan, although the party itself is running ex-Green Beret "Bo" Gritz. The Populists have successfully pursued this same strategy of making common cause with the far right, influencing it towards open racism under the guise of "white rights" elsewhere. For example, in the upper Midwest, the Populists have run as their candidates members of the anti-Native treaty group PARR (Protect American Rights and Resources). Meanwhile, through the Gritz candidacy, they are

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letters to P.A.R.T.

Dear P.A.R.T.:

SHARP Canada is researching the Canadian racist skinhead problem. We hope to present a detailed report about how the racist groups are inter-connected, as well as out of country connections. We hope to show where their funding is coming from as well as how to combat these hate groups.

I hope you'll offer any assistance you can to our research. As a considerable amount of the racists' organization and funding comes out of the ultra right wing groups in the U.S., maybe you can shed light on this dismal picture.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Sincerely, Samantha, SHARP Canada
P.O. Box #739, Station B
59 Sparks St., Ottawa Ont. K1P 5P8

Dear P.A.R.T.:

I'm a conscious political prisoner illegally confined in Wisconsin, in a life threatening situation. Since filing litigation against the prison administration, I've been beaten with clubs, hog tied to beds, placed naked in cold cells with no mattress for days on end, sprayed with chemical agents, and framed with new charges. I have been denied phone calls and my mail has been usurped. I have been in the "hole" (solitary segregation) since 1988. I have observed guards squirting chemicals into my food tray, and found foreign substances placed in my sheets when I leave my cell. My days here are psychological and biological warfare. It's deathly urgent that you and your readers send letters of protest to these officials:

Maria Krueger & Susan Steinglass
Circuit Court Judges Branch 7
210 M.L. King Jr. Blvd.
Madison WI 53709

U.S. Senators' Milwaukee Office
205 E. Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee WI 53202.

I was given the envelope of the letter you wrote to me in response to my previous letter, but nothing was inside. Please send a copy of anything you send to my mother.

Sincerely, Ervie L. Gray
Columbia Prison, P.O. Box 900
Portage WI 53901

Friends:

It's great to hear of a group like yourselves fighting right-wing "Populism." The Populists ran a campaign in New Jersey last year, and although they didn't get a large voter response, they did seem to draw more white middle-class and working class voters even further to the right. There's also a "Nationalist Party" forming here in N.E. NJ on the same basic principles. I'd like to share information and ideas with you, as the convenor of the Socialist Party's Anti-Racism Work Group, since we probably have similar goals.

In solidarity, Greg

Dear PART:

Thanks for sending me your stuff. What's up with this Moller guy (the former leader of the Confederate Manner Skins whose letter appeared in TTT last year)? I've heard some bad things about him. I also heard he was still racist and is just pretending to be anti-racist. Could you fill me in? I just picked up a flyer in a record store from a group called "National Anti-Racist Youth, P.O. Box 1511, Pasadena MD 21122.

There is a lot of racist activity here in MD, and supposedly the nazi-skins are more violent than in Phoenix AZ (now that's a scary thought). But at least now I know there's an anti-racist movement here, too. Thanks for the addresses you sent.

Sincerely, Rich.

PART replies:

Haven't heard from or about Allen Moller in a while. If anyone has more information, or if Allen wants to write back, we'd love to hear more. We wrote to MARY but got no reply. We'd like to run a resource listing of contact addresses in the next issue of TTT, so please get in touch if your group wants to be listed, or you know a group that should be included.

PART,

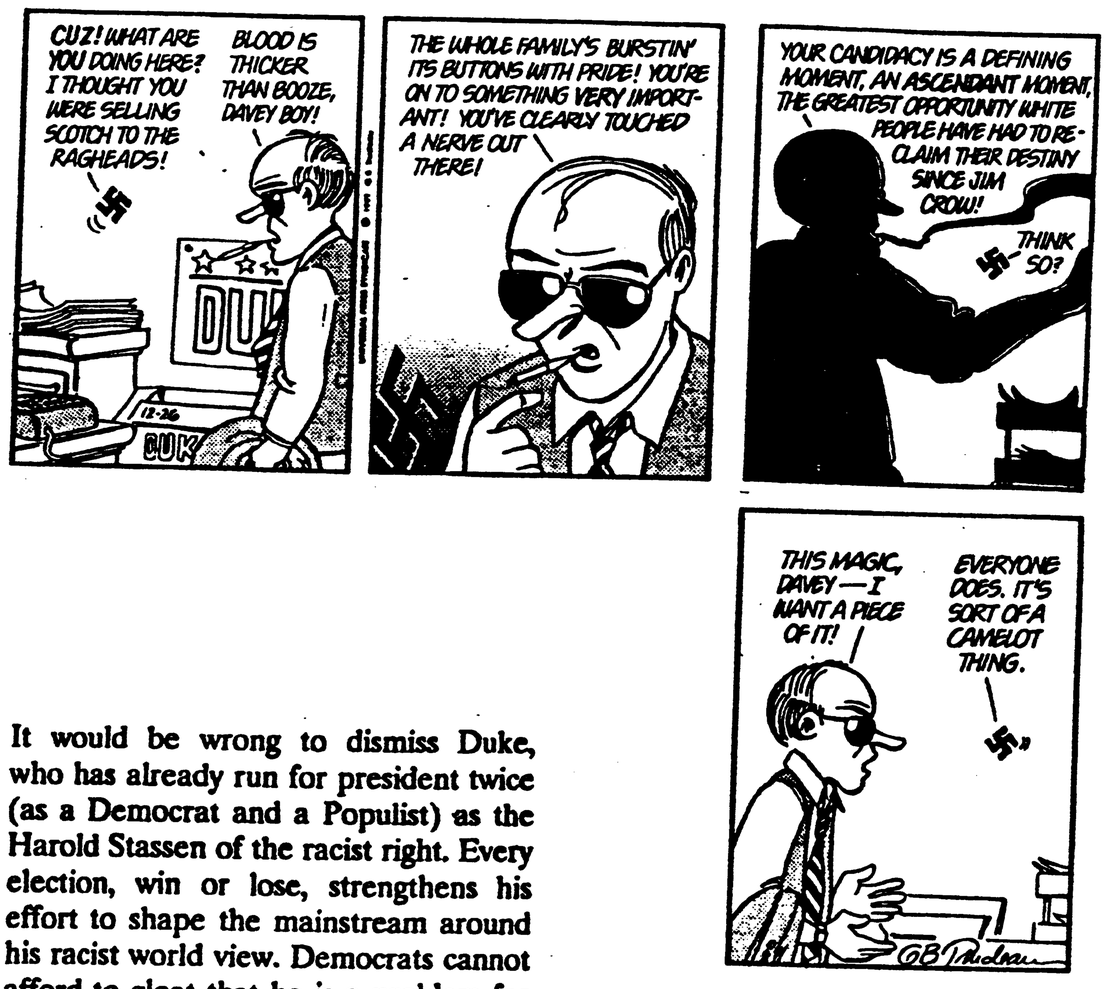
Whattup? This is Chuck from Colorado, and I thought I'd write to let you know that SHARP is now in existence here in southern CO. The racist bonehead problem is growing, mainly in the northern part of the state, and I've heard rumors that shithead Shawn Slater is sending some boneheads down to Colorado Springs. All Colorado anti-racists, please get in touch with us as soon as possible.

Keep up the fight, So.Colorado SHARP
P.O. Box 11422
Pueblo CO 81001

Say No to Nazis in the 90's:

DEFEAT DUKE

As predicted in the last issue of TTT, neo-nazi David Duke has parlayed his loss in Louisiana's governor race into an announcement of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for president. Duke drew a majority of the white vote in Louisiana despite exposures of his continuing racist and anti-semitic politics, and widespread establishment opposition. He is planning to run in at least the "Super Tuesday" southern primaries and through the California primary. He is expected to drop out of the race after the convention; although he claims he may run as an independent against Bush in the fall election, a likelier prospect is that he will return to Louisiana to seek a U.S. Congressional seat.



Duke clearly sees running for president as a chance to parlay his notoriety into continued fundraising. He has never worked a straight job in his adult life, instead making his living as a white supremacist organizer; running for president allows him to qualify for federal matching funds that will further broaden and legitimize his racist appeal at taxpayer expense. He already receives most of his funds from outside Louisiana. California is one of his biggest sources of donations, particularly from the San Diego and Sacramento areas, so he is sure to campaign in the Republican primary here.

It would be wrong to dismiss Duke, who has already run for president twice (as a Democrat and a Populist) as the Harold Stassen of the racist right. Every election, win or lose, strengthens his effort to shape the mainstream around his racist world view. Democrats cannot afford to gloat that he is a problem for Bush and the Republicans. In the south's open primaries, he will draw white Democratic voters. In Congress, he would create a racist pole that would affect others from both parties. His challenge must be faced head-on, by contesting the political base he is seeking to build. The Duke candidacy in California actually provides an opportunity to challenge the takeover of the Republican party by radical Christian rightists that he is trying to organize to his banner. It would be a fatal error to underestimate the danger Duke poses to democracy.

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trying to attract supporters from the left and opponents of the "secret government."

PART will be continuing its efforts to expose and oppose the racist organizing of the Populists and its campaign for Bo Gritz for president. We will be leafletting and demonstrating at appearances by Gritz and activities of the Populists, as well as educating people in various ways. Our efforts will focus on alerting people to the real nature of the Party and of Gritz's candidacy. Don't be hoodwinked! Stop the racist Populist Party! To get involved in this campaign, or if you know of Populist activity, call our hot-line M-F 9-5 at (818) 509 - 3435, or write us at P.O. Box 1990, Burbank CA 91507.

METZGER SENTENCED, BUTLER FACES TRIAL

Tom Metzger, the head of the White Aryan Resistance (WAR), was sentenced to six months in jail plus community service, plus probation, part of whose requirements include avoiding contact with other white supremacists. Metzger, who had never previously done jail time in a long career of preaching violence and racist "revolutionism", was convicted along with three co-defendants for a December 1983 triple cross-burning in the San Fernando Valley. The other three, including L.A. nazi party chieftain Stan Witek, facer' longer sentences, but got the same sentence as Metzger. Metzger and the other are planning to appeal, claiming the prosecution was politically motivated.

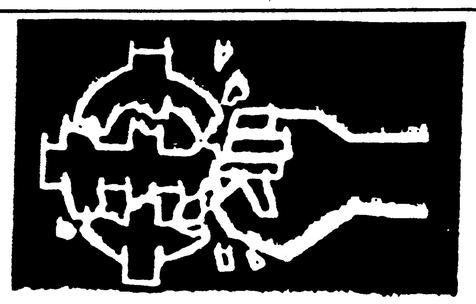
Metzger was particularly caustic about the conditions of probation, claiming they could prevent him from seeing his son John, leader of White Aryan Resistance Youth. The two Metzgers are also obligated under a civil lawsuit to turn the proceeds of their white supremacist activities over to the family of Mulugeta Seraw, an Ethiopian refugee killed by several of their nazi bonehead followers in Portland Oregon. Despite that liability, WAR managed to produce a new issue of its racist tabloid, proclaiming the L.A. conviction a "victory."

Although the judge in the L.A. case denied a prosecution motion to retry Metzger on two charges, including felony conspiracy, on which he got a hung jury, the legal proceedings around the cross-burning are not yet over. Richard Butler, head of the Idaho-based Aryan Nations, and Carter Loven, a local nazi, who were also arrested in Dec. 1983 were scheduled to go on trial in L.A. on January 6 on misdemeanor charges of unlawful assembly and illegal burning.

GERMAN NAZIS RISE VIOLENTLY FROM GRAVE

German neo-nazis are stepping up their campaign of violence against foreigners and racial minorities in the unified country. Although they have met concerted opposition from some Germans, who have formed watch committees to protect several refugee centers that have been the target of attacks, the neo-nazis have drawn support from a wide sector of the German population, who are scape-goating the immigrants for the problems of unemployment and economic hardship that have followed on the collapse of the old Communist regime in East Germany and its incorporation into capitalist West Germany. On Christmas Eve, the nazis attacked two more refugee centers, one with stones and another with firebombs. Similar violence has occurred in France, Italy and other European countries, and extreme right electoral parties are making gains by calling for the expulsion of immigrants around Europe.

Pouring gasoline on the flames, the U.S. KKK and other racist groups have been organizing in Germany and building ties with the nazis. The U.S. racist right has always been the main supplier of racist and anti-semitic propaganda to Germany, where it is illegal. The origins of Hitler's nazi party, in fact, goes back to German-Americans who returned to the homeland with the ideology and organizing techniques of the U.S. KKK. Recently, Dennis Mahon, leader of the para-military Klan faction which has been attempting to organize inside the L.A.P.D., was video-taped by European TV leading German nazis in a Klan style cross-burning. Mahon, who is close to Tom Metzger of WAR, is one of the strongest advocates of an international racist alliance. Metzger, too, has built strong ties with Canadian neo-nazis, establishing Canadian affiliates of WAR, and has always maintained a relationship with racist extremists in Germany, England and South Africa. Joe Fields, a local and national leader of the racist Populist Party, sees the former Communist countries of Eastern Europe as the great hope of the white racists to seize power.



Anti-Nazi sticker from Europe.

P.A.R.T.

People Against Racist Terror (PART) is a local group forming to oppose the dangerous growth in racist violence in the L.A. area. We feel that left unopposed, the white racist movement poses a threat to the safety of Black and other oppressed people, and to all progressive minded people. We want to take up the responsibility within the white community of opposing all forms of racism and reaction, and of building support for the Black liberation struggle and other similar movements. We oppose male supremacy and anti-gay and anti-woman violence and want to unite with other like-minded, progressive people. We think that these ills are deeply rooted in our whole social system and history and will require great, transformative efforts to uproot. If you're concerned about the rising tide of racist and anti-semitic violence, if you want to learn about alternatives to the current system of white supremacy, such as independence for oppressed groups in the U.S., get in touch with us. Be PART of the solution! PEOPLE AGAINST RACIST TERROR (PART) P. O. Box 1990, Burbank CA 91507 (818) 509 - 3435.

P.A.R.T.'S PERSPECTIVE

RACISM, THE CONSTITUTION AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS

David Duke and the new breed of Klansmen and racists that are equally at home in the Populist, Republican and Democratic Parties like to claim they are for "equal rights for all," or sometimes, more honestly, for "white rights." Often, they claim to uphold the Constitution and the Bill of Rights protections of free speech.

But a closer look and analysis of what these groups are actually saying about the Constitution, and about which rights they support and which they don't, is very enlightening.

Simply put, many of these racists are explicit in supporting the Constitution insofar as it existed before the Civil War and the abolition of slavery. They support a Constitution which was predicated on the disenfranchisement of African people, and on strengthening the federal government to take land from Native people and suppress slave insurrections. They support a Bill of Rights which they interpret as upholding the primacy of "States' Rights." This is not simply a libertarian or anti-big government position. It has always been a code word in U.S. history for allowing local governments to function as protectors of a social and economic system of white supremacy.

Many of these groups are quite explicit in their rejection of any other amendments to the Constitution after the first ten. They call for the repeal of the amendment that required free popular election of U.S. Senators, restoring the system where they were selected by state legislatures (controlled by rural or suburban white enclaves). They reject the post Civil War amendments which gave citizenship and the right to vote to Africans and all people born in the U.S. and which applied the guarantees of the Bill of Rights to all U.S. citizens and limited the powers of the state governments over the people. They argue that white people are the only true citizens, and that "14th amendment" citizens (that is, African people) are inherently inferior. They claim these amendments were never validly adopted, and they similarly reject the amendment authorizing an income tax.

It's important to understand what these racists are really talking about when they say "rights," because they're talking a different language than most of us use. Then they use agreement about freedom of speech or the right to bear arms (rights which PART and many fair-minded people uphold) to organize people to their racist cause. There are valid criticisms of the amendment which made the freed slaves U.S. citizens, for example. Black nationalists see this, not as empowerment, but as making Africans subjects of this government against their will. They call for a plebiscite among Africans in America about how they want to govern themselves. But this is different from the white supremacists, whose so-called Pace Amendment to the Constitution would restrict U.S. citizenship to people of Northern European Christian descent and expel Africans and others. It's also different from the growing calls from anti-immigrant groups dominated by the racist racist and echoed by elected Republican officials like L.A. supervisor Mike Antonovich and local congressmember Elton Gallegly to amend the Constitution to deny U.S. citizenship to children born in this country whose parents are undocumented.

PART supports the right to bear arms.

PART supports people of conscience who resist paying war taxes to the national security state. PART believes that human rights are superior to those enumerated in the Constitution. But PART also believes that human rights extend to the entire human race. Human rights include the right of a woman to control her own body and reproductive capacity. Human rights include the right to express your sexual identity and loving nature without fear of homophobic violence. Human rights include the right to a truthful education; to meaningful, socially productive work; to shelter. Human rights include the right of oppressed people to free themselves from colonial domination and determine the future of their own societies. These are far different rights than those intoned by Duke and the demagogues of racism. Libertarians and others who oppose the power of the current federal state need to recognize that the racist concept of "white rights" is a stepping-stone to fascism.

"Millions Stand Behind Me!"

– 5 – 'The Meaning of the Hitler Salute,' AIZ, 16 October 1932

Hate Crime Update:

Aug. 1991, Simi Valley, CA --
Racist slurs and swastikas are painted on the homes of a Hindu family and a Jewish woman. Four white teens are arrested.

Sept. 1991, Panorama City --
The home of a Ugandan immigrant family is stoned. The next day, arsonists firebomb the front door of their apartment, according to Klanwatch.

Sept. 1991, Woodland, CA --
After an initiation in which they assault two youths, two young members of a white supremacist gang are arrested, according to Klanwatch.

Sept. 1991, Torrance, CA --
A Hispanic family finds a three-foot cross burned on their lawn.

Oct. 1991, Oxnard, CA --
Racist graffiti targeting the head of the local NAACP, John Hatcher, is spray-painted inside the post office. Hatcher has been the target of a string of vandalism.

Nov. 1991, Alameda, CA --
Four white police officers are suspended after a check of mobile computer transmissions turns up "jokes" about killing a nigger and wearing Klan robes. The cops are eventually let off with a slap on the wrist.

Nov. 1991, Northridge, CA --
L.A. Police Chief Daryl Gates plans to appear at a rally sponsored by Students for America, the youth front group of the racist Populist Party. Gates cancels at the last minute after campus Black, Chicano, and gay groups plan to protest.

Nov. 1991, Hawthorne, CA --
Two cops find a large wooden cross burning against the chain link fence of a Black-owned auto repair shop in the early morning hours.

Nov. 1991, Gardena, CA --
A racial brawl erupts between Black and Latino students at Gardena HS after a multi-cultural program. Similar fighting took place the previous month at Chatsworth HS.

Dec. 1991, Castaic, CA --
The latest in a string of racial fights breaks out between Black and Latino inmates of the county jail farm.

Dec. 1991, San Diego, CA --
Two nazi boneheads attack three youths on the street in the Hillcrest area. Although the one who stabbed the principal victim called him a "faggot," police deny it was hate crime since the victim was not actually gay. At a community meeting, members of a gay and lesbian advisory committee said more than half the targets of over 50 recent street assaults in area had been gay.

Dec. 1991, Los Angeles, CA --
Irv Rubin, the head of the racist Jewish Defense League, calls for "someone out there" to take revenge and kill the Egyptian immigrant who had been acquitted of the murder of JDL founder Meier Kahane in New York.

Dec. 1991, Los Angeles --
Anti-gay flyers promoting queer-bashing are inserted into copies of the L.A. Weekly and L.A. Reader delivered to gay areas.

White Supremacist Prison Gang:

ARYAN BROTHERHOOD

Violence prone racists are continuing to organize inside the nation's prisons. White prison gangs like the Aryan Brotherhood are often secretly supported or encouraged by racists among the guards (See PART's research report "Blue by Day, White by Night" for information about organized white supremacist activity among prison guards and jailers).

Two recent cases underline the threat such groups pose, not only within the prisons but to thye larger society. In Delaware, Aryan Brotherhood member Dave Dawson was convicted of murder for killing a woman shortly after his escape from prison several years ago with four other inmates. He is currently appealing his death sentence to the U.S. Supreme Court, claiming that prosecutors should not have informed the jurors about his membership in the Aryan Brotherhood.

Here in California, William Edward Rice, another Aryan Brotherhood member, escaped from the Solano County jail in Northern California in November. Rice was facing attempted murder and rape charges at the time of his escape along with three other inmates, including a convicted murderer. Rice was recaptured in December by the FBI after holding up a bank in Tennessee.

DEFEAT DUKE

ANTI-RACIST RESOURCES

AVAILABLE FROM P.A.R.T.

PART has produced several research reports. The reports were all recently updated and reprinted and are now available for $2.00 each post paid; or a $15.00 supporting membership in PART will get you Turning the Tide plus all the position papers.

Report #1:
KLAN-TV

An expose of the use of cable and broadcast TV by Tom Metzger and other neo-nazis to promote their strategy for race war.

Report #2:
ANTI- IMMIGRANT HYSTERIA

Exposes the hard core racists and fascists leading the attack on immigrants and on the language rights of minorities.

Report #3: WOMEN'S RIGHTS -- TARGET FOR RACIST TERROR:

Anti-Abortion Violence and the Racist Right

A full-length examination of the extensive connections between the anti-abortion movement and neo-nazi groups and ideology.

Report #4: HISTORY OF THE KKK

Analyzes the rise and fall of the Klan during three periods of U.S. history, and the relationship of the state to racist terror.

Report #5: WOLVES IN PEACE CLOTHING

A report on racist right infiltration of the movement against the Gulf War and related anti-Jewish and anti-Arab hate crimes.

Report #6: BLUE BY DAY, WHITE BY NIGHT: The Cops and the Klan

A report on organized white supremacist activity inside law enforcement, the FBI, military and correctional institutions.

Report #7: L.A.'S CHRISTOPHER COMMISSION:

Elite Blueprint for "Enlightened" Repression

A full scale analysis of the Commission, its members, and its flawed investigation and recommendations about police brutality.

Report #8: FRONT MAN FOR FASCISM:

"Bo" Gritz and the Racist Populist Party:

A timely expose of the "former" nazis and klansmen who run the Populists, and of the racist right background and program of the former Green Beret they are running for president.

Stop Hate Crimes Video: Two half-hour segments of a cable TV talk show produced by the Rainbow Coalition, featuring a PART spokesperson and an anti-racist band member. Plus "In the Face of Hate," a half-hour video produced in Washington State, featuring grass-roots anti-racist activists from many different groups and communities talking about their work. VHS only, $20.00.

Audio tape: "Joe Fields and the Racist Populist Party."

A one-hour expose of the neo-nazi leader of the Populist Party and his candidate "Bo" Gritz, by Michael Novick, editor of Turning the Tide, in an interview with Bill Mitchell originally aired on radio station KPFK.

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C: Button (shown)
D: Postcard

Buttons, cards and stickers: "Fight Racism/Fight Racist Attacks" Post cards and buttons with image of ML King, Malcolm X and slogan "Fight Racism!" Stickers and pins with slogan "Fight Racist Attacks!" $1.00 each, 6 for $5.00. Specify A, B, C, or D (see illustration for examples).

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[ ] Research Report #7 (CHRISTO-PHER) ..... $ 2.00 .

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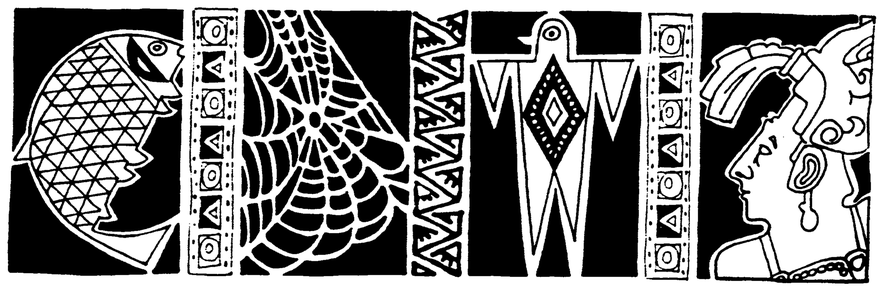

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